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Visitors Win Opening Contest by Better Team Work. Home Team Makes Promising Showing.

Bowdoin College defeated Middlebury Saturday afternoon, September 23, in a fast and interesting game played on Porter Field. The teams were evenly matched, but the superior team work of Bowdoin finally resulted in a touchdown in the last quarter. Peacock's excellent work in carrying the ball, and the excellent interference of the Bowdoin team were the features of the game. Bowdoin kept the ball in Middlebury's territory most of the time, but did not have the punch to score until the final quarter. Lang of Middlebury starred for the home team on the defensive, being in every play. Bresnahan, Middlebury's quarter back, did some splendid work and his retiring in the third quarter after being hurt considerably lessened the spirit and strength of our team.

The game opened with Bowdoin kicking off to Randall, Middlebury's fullback, who rushed the ball back from the twenty to the thirty yard line. Bresnahan made twenty yards around end and Randall made six yards through center carrying the ball to the forty yard line. Bresnahan next made first down. Randall made five yards through the line and Whitney made ten yards, placing the ball on Bowdoin's thirty-five yard line. Bowdoin held for downs and rushed the ball for three first downs to Middlebury's possession Bowdoin tried two forward passes and a drop kick which failed. The third forward pass, Peacock to Foster, placed the ball on Middlebury's seven yard line. A forward pass and an attempted drop kick failed, Pollard catching the ball on this last play and making eight yards. Randall added six more for Middlebury. Middlebury was held for downs and Brewster was again compelled to punt. Middlebury's line held well and the whistle blew with the ball in Bowdoin's possession on Middlebury's twenty yard line.

The second half opened with Lynch kicking off to Chapman from where he returned the ball ten yards. Chapman made twenty-five yards around right end, carrying the ball to Middlebury's thirty-five yard line. An attempted forward pass was caught by Bresnahan. After Bowdoin had been penalized, Middlebury held, taking the ball on the twenty yard line. Bresnaham made a twenty-five yard run around left end carrying the ball to Bowdoin's thirty-five yard line. He was injured in this play and was compelled to give place to Parker. Bowdoin took the ball after holding Middlebury for downs and started to rush the ball down the field, Bartlett making ten yards in the first play followed by Peacock's twenty-five yard run. Bowdoin fumbled and Lynch recovered on Middlebury's ten yard line. Brewster punted to the thirty

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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE OPENS WITH FIRST STUDENT SERVICE IN NEW CHAPEL

President John M. Thomas Delivering Opening Chapel Address to the Student Body

Middlebury College opened Thursday morning, September 21 at 9 o'clock with services in the new Mead Memorial chapel. This is the first religious service of the student body in the new chapel. With the unusually large enrollment of the freshman class and the many visitors who were present, the building was nearly filled to its capacity.

A vested choir under the organization of Prof. Hathaway, added much to the impressiveness of the service. Under the new order, the women occupy the right side of the chapel.

President Thomas' said in part:

At the opening of the 117th year of Middlebury College and at this first student assembly in this stately and beautiful chapel, whose dignity and impressiveness must move us all to serious and earnest thought, I wish to sound a note of progress in the things which make up the inner life of a college. What shall it profit us if we gain magnificent buildings and rich endowments, and boast a wide domain of primeval forest, if we lose that spirit of high ambition and academic earnestness which has been all our glory in the great days of the past? Silas Wright and Solomon Foote, Edward J. Phelps and John G. Saxe, Henry Norman Hudson and Albert Hurd, and Stewart and Kellogg and Brainerd and Mead and Hepburn came not from marble halls and from dormitories with rooms with bath, but from great teachers, like Nathaniel Chipman and John Hough and Solomon Stoddard and Charles B. Adams and George N. Boardman, and from a resolute purpose on their own part to master Greek tragedy, and to know Shakespeare, and to grip the problems of Calculus.

Since the centennial of our college in 1900 the institution has gone forward in all material ways by leaps and bounds. At that time there was only the old stone row, dignified, well-proportioned, wrapt in time's incomparable beauty, but plain in all their appointments and limited in their facilities both for student life and academic pursuits. In that centennial year the old college was flanked by the Egbert Starr Library, still the gem of all our college structures, and year after year hall and residence and laboratory have been added until few of us could tell off-hand how many college buildings we have. It depends upon where in our spacious campuses you stop and what kind of buildings you include. Including residences we have now 22 college buildings, and the newest of them exceeds both in cost and capacity all three of the old buildings which were the only home the college acquired for itself in the first 100 years of its history.

In 1900 Middlebury College had 123 students. This year with the summer session on our catalogue will show well over 500. Then our faculty numbered 10: now we have 32 instructors. Then our endowments were $400,000. We have today half again as much. Then we offered 106 term courses: now we are giving 217 semester courses. Then the college was spending less than $25,000 annually for its students: the last Treasurer's report shows an expenditure of $91,500.

We have a right to pride in this record and it is proper we should put the facts forcibly before the public. The people of Vermont do not yet realize the advance that has been made by Middlebury College in the first sixteen years of its second century. They do not yet appreciate the advantages we offer: for example, that we have one of the best series of chemical laboratories to be found in America, with more courses than are given in many institutions which bestow ambitious degrees in chemical engineering; nor that our Department of Pedagogy is in some respects the best practical normal school for high school teachers to be found in New England. Surprise as well as admiration is expressed by every visitor to this Mead Memorial Chapel and by every one who examines the facilities and equipment of Hepburn Hall and looks off on the mountains from its windows. They had not imagined that such structures had been erected for any college in Vermont.

I trust we have not finished our material expansion We sadly need an infirmary and an endowment to sustain it, so that students becoming ill may be cared for without danger or inconvenience to others. A college of 350 students, 30 miles from a hospital, with no provision for caring for the sick, is certainly not suitably equipped. I hope some day we may have a college boathouse, with concrete foundations sufficient to withstand the spring freshets, so that we may take advantage of our beautiful river, which is as well adapted to boating as the Thames at Oxford. Much more serious is the need of proper provision for administrative offices. One office has been added to another wherever room at the time was available until they are now scattered in three different buildings and on six different floors, at great inconvenience to both officers and students. We could work at a far greater efficiency if we could bring these offices together on one or two floors. The old chapel ought always to be the administrative center of the college. There would be room there for sufficient offices if we could have either a building devoted to History, Economics and Political Science, or a hall for the ancient and modern languages—departments which are already too crowded in the old chapel

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RECEPTION TO 1920 HELD IN GYMNASIUM

Largest Attendance in Years.—Speech by President Thomas.—Snappy Cheering and Snake Dance.

The reception to the class of 1920 of Middlebury College was held in the McCullough gymnasium last Tuesday evening. In keeping with the fact that this is the largest entering class in the history of Middlebury, the gymnasium Tuesday evening was the scene of the largest gathering of the student body of that nature ever held. Most of the upper classmen and the members of the faculty and their wives were present to extend a welcome to the new class. The annual freshman reception, always one of the most successful social functions of the year, serves to renew old acquaintances, as well as to made new ones. Much credit is due the reception committee for the able manner in which they handled a difficult part.

During the evening President Hollister of the College Union gave a short address of welcome to the entering class. He then introduced President Thomas, who in welcoming the Freshman, compared them with the Freshman class of 1820, which, entering one hundred years ago this fall, graduated twenty-two men four years later, a rather remarkable record for a college in the first years of its history. Dr. Thomas presented a few records made by members of the class of 1820 in after life, rating them up as standards which 1920 might do well to follow. He advised the class to become familiar with the history of Middlebury, for it has a record of which any college might well be proud.

In the course of the evening the Mandolin Club rendered a number of pleasing selections. Special attention should be called to the manner in which they organized almost at a moment's notice, the more especially, considering the fact that several of the members are freshmen. Their work was highly creditable.

Mr. Miller and Miss Janet Johnson also entertained with several vocal selections which brought forth loud applause—another proof of Middlebury's musical talent.

Refreshments were served during the evening and at the close, during the playing of the Middlebury marching song, the students formed in a snake dance and marched about the gymnasium singing. It was a most effective sight and if it may be taken as a criterion of the spirit of the united student body, the most successful year in Middlebury's history is assured. The affair closed with a long Middlebury yell which resounded through the building.

Try Outs for College Choir.

Try outs for the vacancies in the college choir were held Monday afternoon at 3:30, in the Music Hall under direction of Mr. Hathaway. The places to be filled are those left open by the graduation of Salisbury, '15, and the loss of Bullis, '19, who transferred to Yale.

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EDITORIAL.

The one hundred and seventeenth year of Middlebury College has opened most auspitiously, and with the added use of our new buildings and the advent of a large and promising freshman class, we have every reason to expect a year of more than average success in the growth of the college along lines of permanent value both materially and in moral tone. For those who are returning after only a summer's absence, the changed atmosphere of the college life, due partly to increase in buildings and number of students and the centralization of student activities, is most gratifying. For those who are climbing the hill for the first time, doubtless the new year with its bewildering and uncertain future offers a wide variety of experiences. All, both old and new, are deeply impressed with the beauty of our situation, the serene majesty of the old college row, the grandeur and rugged grace of the Mead chapel whose inscription, "The Strength of the Hills is His Also," inspires thoughtful reverence, and finally, Hepburn Hall with its beautifully decorated social room and suites well adapted to promote a healthy student life.

We welcome this new year with its new hopes and enlarged opportunities, but at the same time we feel an added burden of responsibilitiy. Nothing organic can remain stagnent, and innocuous desuetude is a contradiction of terms when applied to an institution. Our salvation is in growth and upward progress. Evidences of our growth are distinctly visible, but we need a vision which sees through our new college halls into the very heart of our student life. What we are depends largely on the direction in which we are moving rather than how far we have progressed. We appeal for a new college spirit which will endeavor to uphold the high ideals of manhood and womanhood which an institution which purports to present the best which a great nation has to offer should sustain. Let us put away childish things and give our best years to things worth while and of permanent value. While we are bickering over petty fraternity jealousies the highest interests of the college are lost sight of and the morale of the student body is sensibly weakened.

Our failures in the past have been due to various causes, but none more potent than a lack of genuine, sincere, and unselfish effort to pull together for the common good in place of clique interests. The comparative success which we have achieved in football, baseball, and track has been due to TEAM work, but far greater results might have been obtained had we fostered a more unselfish and loyal school spirit. Every college activity which tends to redound to the honor of our institution should receive the full and hearty support of the entire student body. In this respect we have unquestionably failed. No set of rules which can be invented will inspire "pep" in the freshman class which the three upper classes lack. It is a physical impossibility for the football team to pile up victory after victory for the college while those who should be supporting it in the cheering section are indifferently wandering the campus or loafing in their rooms. It should be only necessity that keeps any student from a varsity contest.

Such a course of action requires much sacrifice at times on the part of the individual, but a student who is unwilling to make such a sacrifice is unworthy of the institution that offers him advantages which he can never repay. At this beginning of a new year where the old shackles are broken let us here highly resolve that we will take the better course for the sake of Alma Mater.

The Return of President Thomas.

It is a source of great gratification to the student body as well as to the faculty and friends of the college, that our president has been enabled to return to us in safety and a fair degree of health to take up the duties of the college year. This action on his part has, however, been criticized is some quarters by those who, it would seem, are quite ignorant of the true situation. There are those who are always ready to criticize upon the least provocation without taking any particular care to ascertain the facts. We are very glad that these unfriendly comments have not arisen, so far as we know, from anyone connected with our institution. We would suggest that those who are sincerely desirous of learning the real situation can do so with a little effort, and possibly avoid an unjust personal injury. The following paragraph from the Springfield Reporter is especially timely:

"The Montpelier Argus criticises President Thomas of Middlebury College for having resigned as Chaplain of the Vermont Troops at Eagle Pass that he might come back to Vermont and resume his duties at the college, saying that the people at home did 'not look upon the doctor as a summer vacation soldier'. Had there been any real war going on down there the doctor would not have resigned, but there was none and no prospect of one. Moreover, there was no settled policy of the government as to what might be expected day after tomorrow. Over and over again the plans of the war department have been changed and there is no certainty whatever as to what a day might bring forth. Doctor Thomas did worthy work for the young men comprising the Vermont troops during his stay at Eagle Pass and he is exactly right in returning to Vermont to resume his presidency of the college that had made such splendid strides forward since his assumption of that office."

The Middlebury Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. of Middlebury College is a branch of the student activities in which every member of the men's college should take a deep interest, and all who can should avail themselves of the opportunities for service which this association affords.

If we consider at all seriously the purpose of the association, which is: "To foster high ideals, encourage a cleaner life and give to every man an opportunity for service," we see that it is certainly a noble project and right in line with the sentiments expressed by our president in his address at the opening of the year.

As was stated on the card of welcome: "The association extends a hearty welcome to all the men of Middlebury college and all are earnestly invited to take part in its activities during the coming year. These will be varied in their nature and will give ample opportunity for work best suited to the individual."

In the past the association has carried on considerable deputation work and a great deal of good has been done in the outlying districts of Middlebury.

The association feels that with the promising freshmen class this year ought to be a winner and every man in college who is at all interested in Association work should make every effort to take part.

Regular half-hour meetings are held in the Hemicycle, Wednesday evening of each week. The first meeting is to be held to-night at 7:30. Let us all get out and take part in this worth while work!

A Much Wanted Man.

The following is an article published in the Springfield Reporter last spring. Although late, it is by no means untimely. Every true friend of Middlebury College who is acquainted with the facts will heartily endorse the statement which the author has made concerning our need of President Thomas.

"At a recent gathering of the clans of Dartmouth college our own President Thomas of Middlebury college was seriously mentioned as a suitable candidate for president of the New Hampshire institution. The undeniable and emphatic success which he has made at Middlebury had so made known his abilities that some of the trustees of Old Dartmouth were looking longingly in his direction.

"And now here is the Caledonian, in its discussion of the United States Senatorship, as the outlook appeared at the recent Republican convention, saying that various and sundry parties there present suggested that 'if a change is to be made, President Thomas of Middlebury should be selected.'

"All well and good. Dr. Thomas could fill either of the above mentioned positions with credit to the cause and honor to himself. But he is needed where he is and should be allowed to continue the magnificent work he is doing there for Vermont and the educational world. When the history of the present generation of Vermonters finally comes to be written up few men will be found to stand higher than Rev. Dr. John Martin Thomas of Middlebury."

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building—allowing the use of present recitation rooms there for administrative purposes. Since the library was erected, this chapel is the only structure which has been given to us which stands for the human or spiritual side of college work. We have built new homes for the sciences, for Biology and Chemistry and Physics, and three or four student residences, and a gymnasium and a heating plant and a grand stand, but we teach Homer and Horace, History and Government in the same rooms in which my father learned them over fifty years ago. It is time we built a little for the humanities, for which we profess especially to stand.

But I propose that we hope for these needed additions on the principle stated in the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." If we are worthy of them, from the high quality and serious earnestness of our work as an institution for education, they will come to us. If we are not worthy of them, because of the laxity of our student work, we ought not to expect them. At any rate I am persuaded the time has come for us in Middlebury College to stress internal improvment and to give our best thought both as teachers and students to means to improve the quality of our academic life.

What may we do to realize those ideals? In the first place we may see that we do not forget them, but rather strengthen and confirm them from day to day. And here I count much upon our new chapel, with its daily service at an hour when we are not hurried, and the Sunday gathering for consideration of the deeper truths of life. I suggest that we keep this chapel for its proper use, a place of no other associations than those connected with the searching of our hearts in the face of duty. This is not the place for class meetings, or college rallies, or d bates or the practice of college cheers. This is not a church: it is a college chapel. It is not designed to steal any man from the faith of his fathers. Its influence, rather should be to strengthen each student in his own religious allegiance. But it is a place where under the influence of holy truth, common to us all, we may each be held to our best and worthiest; and may God grant that so it may prove to us all! Our e trance to this building should mark a new day for the college. We shall be subject hereafter, as we take our place daily in this reverent room, to a new influence, gentle, elusive, mystical, but real and deep, and holy, which should refine our feelings, ennoble our ambitions, and purify our deeds, until unconsciously our manners become more gentle and our lives more pure.

Cardinal Newman once said that one might have a university in tents if only he had great men for its teachers. I have had some experience recently living in a tent and I found it a very poor place in which to study. As a matter of fact a student's success or failure depends not a little upon the place in which he lives. In recent years our facilities for residences of men have been sorely inadequate. The old dormitories were too crowded, and they tempted to confusion instead of quiet. Under the pressure of both numbers and economy fraternity houses have

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been overcrowded and there has been no central supervision. I think the Carnegie Foundation's report was right that our provision for homes for the men of the college and for social recreation was quite inadequate. I need waste no more time in describing the advantages we have now secured in our magnificant Hepburn Hall. But the improved conditions, both social and sanitary, to which that building invites its occupants, may be also effected, with a little care, in all the other buildings in which the men of the college reside. It is the desire of the Trustees that this be done. They feel that the college is responsible for the way in which its students live, that it is highly inconsistent to provide academic facilities for cultivated gentlemen and allow them to live under conditions in which it is impossible to be gentlemanly. They have therefore requested the faculty to supervise all student residences, including fraternity houses, prescribing the maximum number of residents and taking all necessary means to secure sanitary living conditions, suitable for men engaged in study.

I ask also for a more earnest spirit hereafter in academic work. The impression is general that American college students loaf too much and work too little. Mr. Dooley says that when the Freshman comes to college the President says to him,—"And now, my boy, what w'd yez like our learned professors to study for ye?" Mr. Dooley may exaggerate, but he usually approximates the truth. An eight hour day over books, not including recitations, should not be too much. That allows two hours study for each recitation in the week, which is a higher average than we have maintained. No student has a right to be looking for prejudice in his professors who does not do as well as that.

We ought to invent some way to save students from undue participation in what are known as "student activities." Athletics are good, and the student paper, and debating, but the man who is loaded up with offices and managerships, instead of being an honor to his fraternity, is an exhibit of individual weakness and of the folly of his misguided friends. I would like to see a rule that no one who has a condition hanging over him should be eligible for a managership or an important committee assignment.

The faculty have fixed definite quaifications for membership in the several classes. For example, one who has less than 24 credits is ranked as a Freshman, though he may have been a year in college. I have never heard those qualifications criticized as too rigid or in any way unfair. I do not believe they are. I want to suggest that hereafter we put them through in all departments of our college life, including those under student control. If a man is a Freshman, let us be honest enough to call him a Freshman, and make him play on the Freshman team, if he plays at all, and wear a Freshman cap, until he earns the right to be called a Sophomore. One thing the faculty can prescribe, and that is the seating in college assemblies. In chapel the seating hereafter will be strictly alphabetically by classes, and as soon as possible seats will be assigned according to the official lists, and the monitors will mark any student absent unless he is in the place assigned him according to his rank in the Registrar's office, or they will lose their job. You must admit that this is fair and logical and wholesome.

It would also be most helpful if in your own enterprises you held your associates to the same rigid class accounting. There would be fewer Freshman conditions if more than two uncancelled at the beginning of Sophomore year meant a Freshman cap. I would like to see the kind of college spirit that would put this through. It would be one of the most wholesome reforms which could happen. I appeal to you to add your own social sanctions, which I know are very powerful, to the official acts of the college. We do not require too much for admission to any class: I would like to see the whole force of the college behind the just enforcement of those fair requirements.

I appeal also for student co-operation in maintenance of the moral ideals for which Middlebury College ought to stand. There are some matters not mentioned in our laws, which are perhaps best omitted from formal rules, which ought to be taken for granted. In this day when public sentiment is stronger than ever before against the use of intoxicating liquors, when business corporations and warring nations recognize that alcohol in any form or quantity diminishes efficiency, there should be no toleration for the indulgence in an institution which aims to send forth worthy leaders. If I know it, there will not be.

There is room for improvement in the speech we tolerate about our campus and in our buildings. The use of profanity is usually mere thoughtless imitation. It is one of the easiest of evil practices to avoid, and the man who frees himself from it does more to increase his self-respect and the regard in which others hold him at less cost and personal sacrifice than is the case with any other vice I know. I wish we could find some other name besides "smoker" for an athletic revival meeting. It does not seem quite right for the President of the Union to stand up in this chapel and announce a "smoker." Why not call it a football rally, and omit both the "smoker" and the smoke?

I may not dwell on other phases of morals, positive and negative, which I would be glad to commend to you. I would like to see Middlebury College stand for clean, strong manhood and womanhood, not Pharisaical, not overconscious of its superiority, but in a simple, natural way studying to avoid all that is unseemly and to attain every virtue that is of good report. I believe the general student sentiment supports such a position and I trust we can bring it more to the front and make it more dominant in our college life.

Let us then start the year with effort to do all we can for a better and worthier Midelebury. As we look about us, we see how much others have done for the growth and progress of the college. But the real progress must be from within and we who are here must attend to it. There have been too many failures in times past. Just look at the record of the class which left us last June. They entered 102 strong. When it came to Sophomore year there 88, Junior year 75, and they graduated 60. Every one of those who dropped out represents loss, to themselves and to the college. Some left the ranks because of unavoidable difficulties, but the greater number dropped out for the failure of some teacher to stir their enthusiasm and awaken their ambition at the right moment, and from their own failure to respond to the efforts made in their behalf. Many fatalities might have been avoided by better ordering of our student life, fewer distractions, quieter dormitories, less moving pictures, less "fussing", and a stronger student sentiment in favor of earnest work.

Members of the incoming class: We welcome you to privileges greater than any previous class of this college ever enjoyed. We welcome you also to our problems. You are not received into a perfect institution. We need to become better in many ways. You can do much to help us, by entering sympathetically into our life, by putting a spirit of earnest resolution into your work, and by preserving through all the process of adjustment to our ways those high ideals and worthy purposes which I know are in your hearts this day. Your success depends upon knowing what to let go and what to hold fast. In many matters of custom and manner you can afford to do as you are told. In all matters of principle you will do well to stand by your own judgment. Do not be easily discouraged. Many of the best students have the hardest time at the first and overcome the severest obstacles. A college is a world in miniature. If you can succeed here, you can succeed beyond. And you can succeed, and help us to larger success, if you will try hard enough.

I now declare you duly matriculated students of Middlebury College and members of the class of 1920.

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yard line and Bowdoin rushed the ball back ten yards ending the third quarter.

Bowdoin opened the fourth quarter with a rush and a splendid carrying of the ball by Peacock put it under the shadow of Middlebury's goal post. From here Peacock scored a touchdown around right end. Captain Shumway kicked the goal, making the score 7 to 0. After Bowdoin kicked off, the home team was soon forced to punt. Bowdoin rushed the ball back to its ten yard line where she held and Brewster punted. The game ended with the ball in Bowdoin's possession on the twenty yard line.

The line-up for the two teams was as follows :

BOWDOIN		MIDDLEBURY
Bradford,	l e	Myrick
Stewart,	l t	Lynch
Stone,	l g	Hard
Young,	c	Lang
McNaughton,	r g	Horsford
Oliver,	r t	Canty
Foster,	r e	Brewster
Shumway,	q b	Bresnahan
Philips,	l h b	Whitney
Peacock,	r h b	Pollard
Bartlett,	f b	Randall

Substitutes, Bowdoin: Small for Young, Cushman for Philips, Chapman for Peacock. Middlebury : Parker for Bresnahan, Lee for Whitney.

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Enthusiastic Rally.

Thursday evening in the gymnasium from 7:15 until 7:45 occurred one of the most enthusiastic mass meetings the college has seen in a long time. Following out Pres. Thomas' suggestion in his opening address there was no smoking, and to say that the rally was "conducive to pep" would be stating it mildly. The band was right there with some snappy music, rendered very creditably considering it was their first appearance of the year.

President of the Union Hollister opened the meeting with his usual enthusiasm and called on Coach Holmes for news from the team.

"Fellows, the team is rotten; every man on it is no good. If you want to win that game tomorrow you must win it from the stand, for the team itself can't win," was the astonishing announcement from the coach. And then he went on to modify his statement until he had convinced every fellow present that it was up to him to be out there in the stand on the morrow cheering his head off for the team. Coach Holmes certainly won the hearts of the fellows by his talk and everyone realized that a defeat would not be due to the lack of enthusiasm on the part of our coach.

Davis and Everitt were there with their usual "pep" and under their leadership the college cheers were rehearsed. "Chippie" King, President Thomas' Assistant, was called upon for a few words and came through with a talk establishing his record as a speaker and kept the enthusiasm alive. After more Middlebury songs by the band the meeting closed with a snake dance around the gymnasium.

The large attendance and the splendid enthusiasm only go to show the superiority of a rally over a smoker and it is to be hoped that the fine example of last Thursday evening will be followed out during the year.

Prof. Cunningham Honored by Degree.

Dr. G. Watts Cunningham, Professor of Philosophy at Middlebury, was honored with the degree of Doctor of Letters at the commencement last June of Furman University, South Carolina. Dr. Cunningham is a graduate of Furmam, and delivered the literary address at their commencement exercises. He has published several philosophical works, the most recent of which, "The Philosophy of Begson," was given to the public early in the summer, a copy of which is in the Starr Library. He holds an enviable reputation as a contributor to the growth of philosophical thought, but singularly enough his fame is greater in German circles than in America. He came to Middlebury from Cornell as Instructor in Philosophy, and was later promoted to an assistant professorship. Last year he was made Boardman Professor of Philosophy.

Interclass Track Meet.

An interclass track meet will be held on Porter Field Monday afternoon, October 1, at 3:30. This is the annual fall meet and is held for the purpose of bringing out the material in the freshman class. The customary track and field events will take place and every freshman should be out in a suit whether he has ever done anything in this line or not. Let every 1920 man be out and start the year right by doing his best for his class, as well as for the college.

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